CLAIMS

What is claimed is:
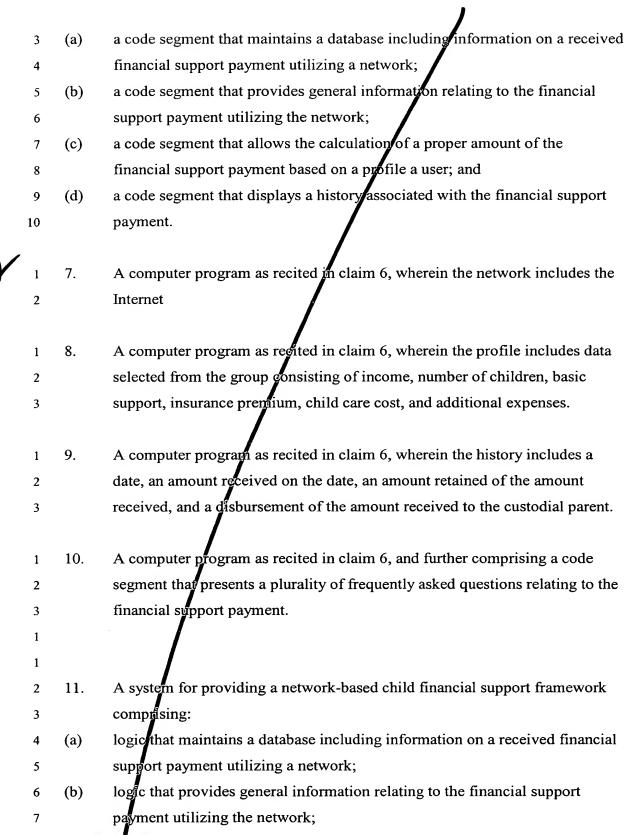
1. A method for providing a network-based child financial support framework comprising the steps of:

    (a) maintaining a database including information on a received financial support payment utilizing a network;

    (b) providing general information relating to the financial support payment utilizing the network;

    (c) allowing the calculation of a proper amount of the financial support payment based on a profile a user; and

    (d) displaying a history associated with the financial support payment.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet

3. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the profile includes data selected from the group consisting of income, number of children, basic support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the history includes a date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of presenting a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support payment.

6. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for providing a network-based child financial support framework comprising:

3   (a)   a code segment that maintains a database including information on a received

4   financial support payment utilizing a network;

5   (b)   a code segment that provides general information relating to the financial

6   support payment utilizing the network;

7   (c)   a code segment that allows the calculation of a proper amount of the

8   financial support payment based on a profile a user; and

9   (d)   a code segment that displays a history associated with the financial support

10   payment.

1   7.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the network includes the

2   Internet

1   8.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the profile includes data

2   selected from the group consisting of income, number of children, basic

3   support, insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses.

1   9.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, wherein the history includes a

2   date, an amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount

3   received, and a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

1   10.   A computer program as recited in claim 6, and further comprising a code

2   segment that presents a plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the

3   financial support payment.

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2   11.   A system for providing a network-based child financial support framework

3   comprising:

4   (a)   logic that maintains a database including information on a received financial

5   support payment utilizing a network;

6   (b)   logic that provides general information relating to the financial support

7   payment utilizing the network;

8   (c)   logic that allows the calculation of a proper amount of the financial support

9   payment based on a profile a user; and

10   (d)   logic that displays a history associated with the financial support payment.

1   12.   A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the network includes the Internet

1   13.   A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the profile includes data selected

            from the group consisting of income, number of children, basic support,

            insurance premium, child care cost, and additional expenses.

1   14.   A system as recited in claim 11, wherein the history includes a date, an

2   amount received on the date, an amount retained of the amount received, and

3   a disbursement of the amount received to the custodial parent.

1   15.   A system as recited in claim 11, and further comprising logic that presents a

2   plurality of frequently asked questions relating to the financial support

3   payment